

REMARKS

Claims 2-3 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 2-3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants respectfully submit that Figures 10A-12 are prior art against the claims of the present application, and drawings labeling these Figures as "PRIOR ART" are submitted herewith.

This error arose without deceptive intent.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 2-3, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or to credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 10A-12 to label them as "PRIOR ART". These sheets which include Figures 10A-12 replaces the original sheets which include Figures 10A-12.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

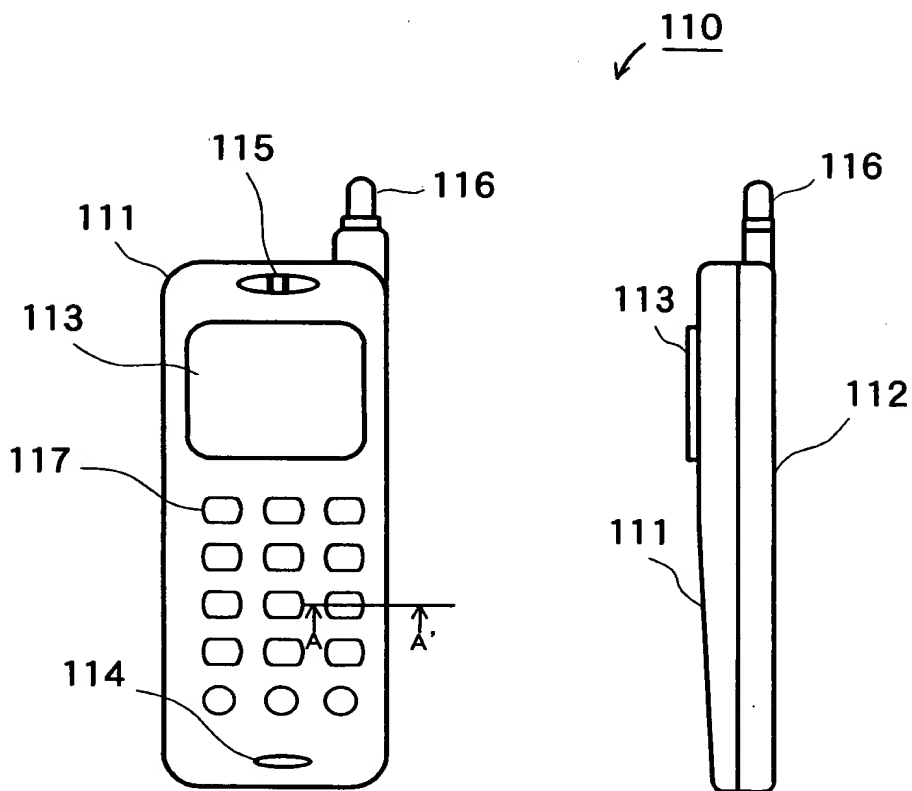
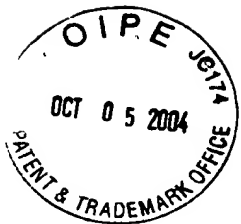


Fig.10 (a)

PRIOR ART

Fig.10 (b)

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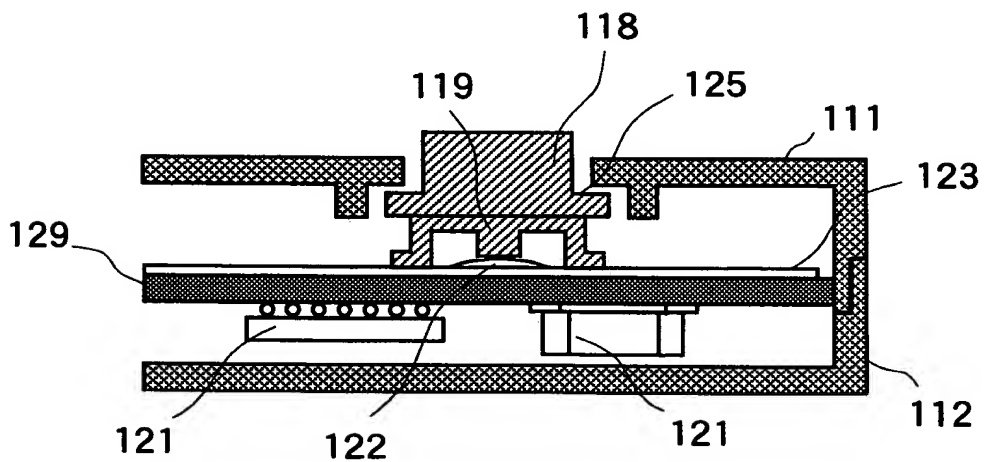


Fig.11

PRIOR ART



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Formal Drawings - Annotated Sheet
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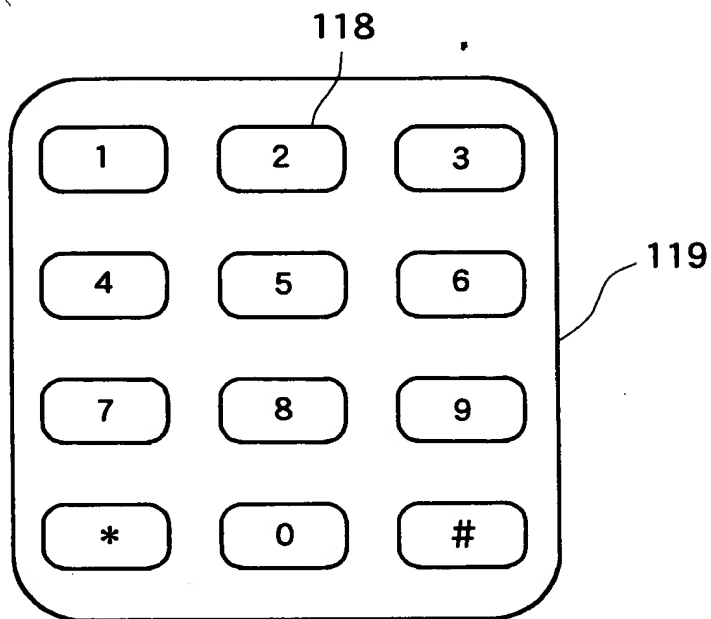


Fig. 12

PRIOR ART